REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	02 July 2001
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Comix Kiss Comix 102
Other Known Titles:	Kiss Comix #102; Kiss 102
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Ediciones La Cúpula S.L.
Editor:	Félix Sabaté
Format:	Comic
Country of Origin:	Spain
Language:	Spanish

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

Either

That when the publication is on display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication or any package in which the publication is kept
and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package
and
That where the publication is publicly displayed in a package, the package must be made of opaque material.

Or

That when the publication is on display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication or any package in which the publication is kept
and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package
and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of premises).

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The comic entitled *Comix Kiss Comix 102* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The classification is due to the comic's treatment of matters of sex. The 100 page comic (including the covers) is entirely in Spanish. The comic mainly consists of cartoon styled narrative items that explicitly depict adult male and female sexual activity, sometimes with humour. Some of this content is moderately degrading to women in general as an overall effect. Other content includes advertisements for other sexual products and services, opinion, letters and 'gossip' columns in relation to sexual matters, and interviews with an illustrator and an actress in explicit sex features.

Consideration has been given to the relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 as they relate to this publication. Given the sustained, explicit sexual content and the purpose for which it is intended to be used, the restriction on the availability of the publication is considered to be reasonable and demonstrably justifiable.

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